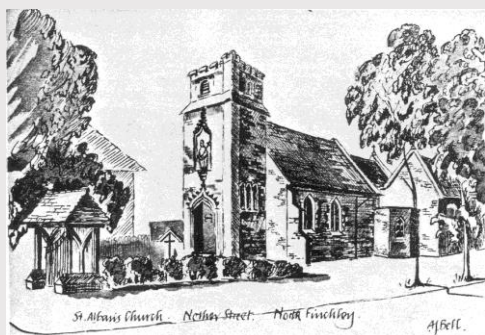


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Parish Newsletter – 4th September 2022
+ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS TIMES w/c- 3rd September 2022

Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 9.30am & 11.30am
Monday: 9.30am
Tuesday: 9.30am
Wednesday: 9.30am
Thursday: NO MASS
Friday: 9.30am

The Church will remain open during the day for private prayer.

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Parish website

Visit our website
parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth
for all weekly updates and

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Takes place at the Family Mass at 9.30 on Sundays.

REPOSITORY

Open after both Sunday Masses. New products in the Repository information can be found on our website.

First reading: Wisdom 9:13–18
Psalm: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.
Second reading: Philemon 9–10, 12–17
Gospel: Luke 14:25–33

The list of sayings in the gospel present problems for the reasonable mind. Turning your back on your family or deliberately taking up the Cross are not sensible demands. Nor are they problems easily solved. Bible commentaries, trying to make logical sense out of these texts, frequently falter. But at the level of mystery, where religious faith and commitment operate, the experience of reverence, awe and waiting call forth a solution.

This observation is not meant to oppose mystery and problem, faith and reason but rather to show different approaches to different demands. God gave us a mind and expects us to use it to problem solve daily problems. God filled the world with mystery and expects us to use our religious sensitivities to cope with it. Mistakes happen when people fail to see the distinction and either try to reduce a mystery to a problem or try to treat all problems as mystery. The source of much frustration in life is due to confusing mystery with problem and faith with reason. We live in a problem-solving culture. Which means that faith coping doesn't make enough sense to many people. But Christian believers can redress this imbalance and enrich the culture. One of the best cures for some of today's confusions is precisely our religious faith.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2022-23

First Holy Communion Preparation for children in Year 3 and above is in 2 parts:

Part 1 is a Foundation Course for children who are Baptised Catholics and attend non-Catholic schools and for children who are not yet Baptised. This begins in September 2022. The application forms are on the parish website and in the church porch now.

Part 2 is a First Holy Communion Course for Baptised Catholic children attending Catholic schools and for children who have completed the Foundation Course. This will begin in November 2022. The forms will be available in October 2022.

Confirmation Preparation for young people in Year 9 and above. This will begin in November 2022. The forms will be available in October 2022.

FINCHLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SECONDARY TRANSFER EVENING

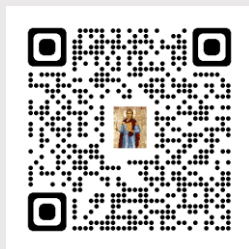
Tuesday 13th September 2022 5.30pm – 8.30pm.

There will be a guided tour available from 6.00 – 8.30pm (last tour departs 7.45pm) Headteacher's talk at 5.30pm, 6.30pm & 7.30pm More details can be found in the porch at the back of the church and on our website under news.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth/>

Parish QR code

For online donations



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS:

To arrange a baptism please contact Fr Dermot.

FUNERALS:

It is the normal procedure to first contact your chosen Funeral Director. They will liaise with Fr Dermot.

Weddings:

Preparation for marriage:
Six months' notice is required. Please contact Fr Dermot.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday from 5.15pm

REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

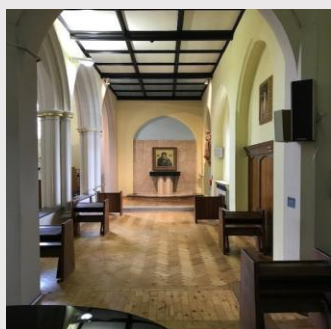
Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

ST BANABAS FOODBANK

Accepts donations of food each Saturday between 9.30 & 12.30. They are open for those in need on Monday's 12.30-2pm.
913 High Road, North Finchley.

NEWSLETTER

If you wish to receive a copy of our weekly newsletter by email, please sign up by using the website e-Alert or, email the parish office to request.



THURSDAY CLUB 8TH SEPTEMBER 1.00PM-3PM

Come & join us for a lively chat, tea & cake. We will be planning events for the next few months. We have a few of your favourites booked already but need your help in planning others. Come and have your say on what you would like. All welcome

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Could YOU invite someone you know to BECOME a CATHOLIC? Please think about whether you have any friends, neighbours, relatives or work colleagues you could ask to join our parish - or maybe just to find out more about the Scriptures and the Catholic Church's teachings? Invite them along to a group for adults which meets each Wednesday at 8pm in the Presbytery, starting on Wednesday 12th October. In the meantime, why not ask them to come to Mass with you and introduce them to Fr Dermot? Or else email the Parish Secretary so someone can phone them to answer their questions.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9.30 Family Mass will be starting again on Sunday 11th September. Could YOU join one of our 5 teams, which means a commitment of only once a month? If so, let Fr Dermot know and/or come along to our meeting in the church hall at 8pm on Wednesday 7th September to find out more and get to know the Catechists?

FINCHLEY FOOD BANK

Over 400 people per week are supported with 3 days' worth of food & toiletries by Finchley Foodbank, but food donations have dropped a lot recently. If you're able to add a little extra to your shopping and bring an extra can or two each week, there's a box (& full shopping list) at the back of the church. Many thanks.

PARENT & TODDLER

The playgroup will be up and running from Tuesday 6th September **9:45am – 11:15am**. Further information can be found on our website. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth/>

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 3rd September

Saturday-(ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope & Doctor)	6pm	Robert Rafter	RIP
Sunday	9:30am	Bandna Reddy	INT
	11:30am	Maria Timlin	RIP
Monday	9.30am	Elizabeth Cox	RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Family Diaz Burgas	INT
Wednesday	9.30am	David Conway	RIP
Thursday- (THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)		NO MASS TODAY	
Friday	9.30am	Maureen Fitzgerald	RIP

Please remember in your prayers

All the sick

John Came, Terri McDermott, Mauria O'Connell,
Fr. John Buckley, Martin Murphy, Kathleen Coogan, Martin Mahony,
Anne O'Reilly

All the recently departed and their loved ones

Denise Wraight, Patrick Prior

and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Louis Batyan, Maria Timlin, Elizabeth Cox